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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Box: Patent Application  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 5, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 987,816, filed on November 16, 2001, entitled A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a new specification (title page, 28 pages description, 18 claims, Abstract) from the prior application identified above. No matter is included in the new specification that would have been new matter in the prior application.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS INCLUDED IN THE PRESENT SPECIFICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee							\$ 740.00
Total Claims	7	-	20	=	0	x	18 = 0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84 = 0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$ 740.00

3. A check including the amount of \$740.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, twelve (12) sheets, Figs. 1A-16.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

7. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2000-353008, filed November 20, 2000.

The certified priority document will be filed in the prior application.

  
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